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ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1945,

BY

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MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

Mr. Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report on the Sanitary condition of your district for the year ending 31st December, 1945.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

EDWARD J. CROSS.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

AREA (in acres)—ST. NEOTS 996, EYNESBURY 395, total 1,391.

POPULATION.—The Registrar General's estimate of the resident population for 1945 is 4,785.

THE RATEABLE VALUE of the District on 31st December, 1945, was £24,576. The estimated value of a penny rate is £97.

THE NUMBER OF INHABITED HOUSES is as follows:—

ST. NEOTS—		
Private Houses ...	857	
Shops, etc., with Private Houses attached ...	105	
		962
EYNESBURY—		
Private Houses ...	402	
Shops, etc., with Private Houses attached ...	16	
		418
Total ...		1380

CENSUS, 1931.—ST. NEOTS: Population 3,081; Inhabited Houses 830; Families 832. EYNESBURY: Population 1,296; Inhabited Houses 323; Families 323.

BIRTHS.—49 male and 49 female births were registered during 1945. 10 of these were illegitimate. 1 still birth was recorded and 4 deaths of infants under 1 year of age (all legitimate). The birth-rate is, therefore, 20.4 per 1,000. For England and Wales it is 16.1 per 1,000.

DEATHS.—27 male and 31 female were registered during the year ending 31st December, 1945. This gives a death-rate of 12.1 per 1,000. The death-rate from all causes for England and Wales is 11.4 per 1,000 population.

CAUSES OF DEATH:—

	Males.	Females.
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	1	1
Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis	1	-
Influenza	-	1
Cancer	8	8
Intra Cranial Vascular Lesions	4	4
Heart Disease	1	10
Bronchitis	2	1
Pneumonia	4	-
Digestive Disease	-	1
Premature Birth	-	2
Congenital Malformation	1	-
Suicide	-	1
Other Causes	5	2
Total	27	31

INCIDENCE OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

During the year ending 31st December, 1945, the following were notified:—

Tuberculosis (Pulmonary)	...	7
Tuberculosis (Non-Pulmonary)	...	1
Whooping Cough	...	22
Measles	...	92
Pneumonia	...	2
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	...	1
Food Poisoning	...	2
Erysipelas	...	3
Chicken Pox	...	1
Dysentery	...	1
Total	...	132

HOUSING.

There is a great shortage of houses in the district, many new ones are urgently needed, and owing to the difficulty of getting repairs carried out during the last few years many of the existing houses although occupied are unfit for human habitation and incapable of repair at a reasonable expense (H.A., 1936, Sec. 11).

In my opinion this state of affairs is extremely serious because much of the benefit conferred by giving children milk in schools or a stay in a sanatorium is destroyed by the home environment. Also it seems to me to be useless to spend money on moral welfare as long as the people are compelled to live like poultry. It is absolutely impossible to prevent overcrowding unless more houses are built.

TUBERCULOSIS.

During the year ending 31st December, 1945, seven cases of Pulmonary and one of Non-Pulmonary were notified. The number of cases of Tuberculosis shown on the register last year was considerably inflated owing to the fact that I am often uninformed when tuberculosis patients leave the district, die or change their names (marriage). After consultation with the Tuberculosis Officer the number has been reduced to 21, viz., 16 Pulmonary and 5 Non-Pulmonary (4-5-46).

DIPHTHERIA.

No case of Diphtheria was notified during 1945. The last case notified in the district was on June 8th, 1942. The estimated number of children in the district is:—

Age group 0—4 (inclusive) 369
Age group 5—14 (inclusive) 680

IMMUNISATION.

To be really effective the number of children immunised each year should roughly correspond with the number of children born the previous year. In 1944 the number of births was 89. In 1945 the number of children immunised against Diphtheria was:—By the C.C. Officials 20, by me 17, total 37. Therefore only about 41.6 per cent. of children are now being immunised instead of 80 per cent. which should be our minimum target. It is possible that a few children have been immunised by private medical practitioners, but I have no record of these.

THE SCHICK TEST.

During December, 1945, I "Schicked" 42 children aged 10 years or more who had been immunised in infancy. Only three of them gave a faint positive reaction. The others were all negative.

Arrangements have now been made for the Registrar when he registers a birth to hand to the parent the pamphlet "Diphtheria Is Deadly," together with the postcard requesting that the child may be immunised.

CLINICS.

MENTAL TREATMENT.

The Mental Treatment Specialist may be consulted at the Bedford County Hospital every Tuesday at 2.30 p.m. and at the Three Counties Hospital, Arlesey, every Thursday at 2.30 p.m.

TUBERCULOSIS.

The Chest Consultant holds Clinics at the Out-patients' Department of the County Hospital, Huntingdon, on the second and fourth Thursdays in the month at 10.0 a.m.

EYE CLINICS.

The Ophthalmic Surgeon attends the Clinic at the rear of the Old Grammar School, Huntingdon, on the first and third Fridays in the month at 10.0 a.m.

ORTHOPÆDIC CLINICS.

The Orthopædic Surgeon attends the Clinic at the rear of the Old Grammar School, Huntingdon, on the second and fourth Tuesdays in the month at 10.0 a.m.

EAR, NOSE AND THROAT.

All cases recommended to see an Ear, Nose and Throat Specialist are sent to Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, or Peterborough Memorial Hospital.

Appointments for all the above Clinics are made through the County Medical Officer.

VENEREAL DISEASE.

Clinic at 28, Fitzwilliam Street, Peterborough. Males—Tuesdays and Fridays, 6—7 p.m.; Females—Tuesdays and Fridays, 3.30—6 p.m.

Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge. Males—Tuesdays and Thursdays, 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. respectively; Females—Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. respectively. .

HUNTINGDON COUNTY HOSPITAL X-RAY SERVICE.

Thursday afternoons at 2 o'clock. Routine session for non-urgent cases, including old fractures, chest cases, barium enemas and kidney examinations (for the two latter, appointments are necessary).

Thursday mornings (by appointment). Barium meals at 11 o'clock, with final examination at 5 o'clock.

Gall Bladder cases by appointment.

The Department will be open for urgent cases on Monday, Tuesday, Friday and Saturday at 10.45 a.m.

It is requested that only very urgent cases be sent on Wednesday mornings, when the X-Ray Department will be normally closed.

All appointments should be made through the Matron.

WEEKLY CLINICS are held as follows:—

Tuesdays, 3 p.m., Dr. C. F. L. Patterson—Skin.

Thursdays, 10.15 a.m., Mr. H. B. Roderick—Orthopædic and General Surgery.

Thursdays, 10 a.m., Hunts. County Council—Chest Clinic.

Fridays, 10 a.m., Mr. S. Riddiough—Genito Urinary and General Surgery.

Fridays, 9.30 a.m., Mr. J. H. Threlfall—Dental.

Saturdays, 9.45 a.m., Mr. L. Phillips—Obstetrical and Gynæcological.

MONTHLY CLINICS:—

1st Tuesdays, 10.30 a.m., Mr. R. Weedon Butler—Orthopædic.

2nd Tuesdays, 10 a.m., Mr. A. S. H. Walford—Ear, Nose and Throat.

4th Tuesdays, 10 a.m., Dr. P. G. Ruston—Ditto.

(Signed) E. BRYANT,

11th April, 1946. Assistant Secretary.

NURSING IN THE HOME.

Some details of the St. Neots and District Nursing Association:—

Nurses are Miss Malin and Mrs. Malin, both of Potton Road, Eynesbury. Tel. St. Neots 215. Miss Malin's district is Eynesbury. Mrs. Malin's districts are St. Neots, Eynesbury Hardwicke, Little Paxton, Monks Hardwicke. They are provided with one car and so find it convenient in many cases to work together. They work in conjunction with Nurse Rose, the Eltisley nurse, for off-duty emergencies, etc. During the year, April, 1945, to April, 1946, they attended 147 general cases and did 2,898 visits to same; 70 midwifery and maternity cases, 1,076 visits; ante-natal and child welfare visits were 1,076; total visits 5,321. The previous year total visits were 6,275. This has decreased owing to a health visitor taking over child welfare work. We are facing the possibility of changes soon as Miss Malin is 60 in May next and that is the retiring age. She has been with the Association for over 20 years. Mrs. Malin, née Daniels, married Miss Malin's brother and was one of our nurses before her marriage. She returned during the War when another nurse left and said she would stay if required until Miss Malin retired. They both have the necessary qualifications and we have no complaints and only the best of reports from the patients. They are regarded with a good deal of affection. The County Superintendent regularly inspects their work and equipment and her reports are excellent. They live in their own house and we shall require a house and garage before we can appoint their successors.

EVELYN POVEY, President.

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE AUTHORITY.

Medical Officer of Health: E. J. Cross, M.D., D.P.H. Tel. St. Neots 68.

Sanitary Inspector, Meat Inspector and Surveyor: C. Glover, M.R.S.Ins., M.S.I.Ass. Tel. St. Neots 122 (Office), 108 (Residence).

Waterworks Engineer: Mr. S. Mawby. Tel. St. Neots 122.

Public Analyst: Dr. S. Greenburgh, D.Sc., F.I.C., P.H.D. Tel. Cambridge 2097.

Extensive use is also made of the Emergency Public Health Laboratory, Cambridge. Tel. Cambridge 55526.

Mr. Glover and Mr. Mawby are the only two whole time officers.

The Registrar and Vaccination Officer for the District is Mr. Bevan, 5, New Street. Tel. St. Neots 31.

Laboratory Facilities: E.M.S. Lab., Cambridge.

Ambulance Facilities: A splendid ambulance wagon (the gift of J. Rayns Smith, Esq.) is kept at the Council's Headquarters. Tel. St. Neots 122 (daytime) or St. Neots 148 (night) or the Police (St. Neots 19), who will contact the driver, Mr. Cooper.

WATER CONSUMPTION.

On 6th November, 1945, Mr. Mawby, Waterworks Engineer, informed me that the daily consumption of water is 150,000 gallons and that 40,000 of this is used for trade purposes. The population of the area is 4,948, of which number 320 are estimated to be children under 4 years of age and 768 children between 5 and 15 years of age. Assuming that the daily domestic consumption is 100,000 gallons and the population 5,000 this would give a daily consumption of 20 gallons per person. There are 1,380 inhabited houses in the area; therefore, each house averages 70 gallons (plus) daily. There are 650 water closets in the district, some houses have 2 (1 have 3). There are 620 houses with pail closets. I cannot believe that any of the cottages use 70 gallons of water daily, and am inclined to believe that there must be a serious leakage.

THE WATER SUPPLY.

Name of Town, Village or Hamlet.—St. Neots and Eynesbury.

Source of Supply, viz., Public Supply, Wells or Ponds, etc.—Both Parishes of St. Neots and Eynesbury are supplied by two shallow wells sunk into the gravel. These wells are situate near the South-West Boundary of the Parish of Eynesbury. Pumping direct into the mains is done by an oil engine at No. 1 Pumping Station and by an automatic electrical installation at No. 2 Pumping Station. A very small reservoir helps to conserve a certain amount of water in case of emergency.

Sufficiency or otherwise.—The supply has been maintained by using the emergency well, which was sunk into the gravel during 1944, otherwise there would have been the possibility of a partial failure of the supply on several occasions. A new scheme is contemplated and it is expected that work will commence on this project during 1946.

Quality of Water.—Satisfactory.

Whether Analysis has been made during the year and the result of such Analysis.—Six samples have been submitted to the Emergency Public Health Laboratory, Cambridge. Five were satisfactory (no coliform bacilli were detected in 100 mls.). One from No. 2 Pumping Station was suspicious (4 coliform bacilli per 100 mls.). This water is always bacteriologically examined after a heavy rain following a prolonged drought.

The total rainfall for 1945 was 19.79 inches, viz., 1st January to June 30th, 8.85 inches; 1st July to 31st December, 10.94 inches; total 19.79 inches.

SANITARY TABLE, 1945.

WATER SUPPLY.

Any developments during 1945?—No.
Any insufficiency and where?—No.
Any curtailment?—No.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

Any developments during 1945?—No.

Developments still needed?—Extensive reconstruction and additions to existing system required.

Any inadequacy of Sewerage Disposal Works, or complaints as to smells?—New scheme required. No serious complaints made.

No. of sink-wastes disconnected during 1945—1. Trapped—1.

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.

No. of Privies with Open Middens.—Nil.
No. of Pail or Tub Closets—600.
No. of Privies with covered Middens—20.
No. of Water Closets—650.
No. of additional Closets newly constructed for old property in 1945 —(a) W.C.'s—3.

SCAVENGING.

How is Refuse disposed of?—Controlled tipping.
Total annual cost—£600.
Is there any inadequacy, and where?—No.
Any change during 1945?—No.

NUISANCE INSPECTION.

Total No. of Inspections made in 1945—625.
Informal Notices served—38. Complied with—40.
Total No. of Nuisances in hand at close of 1944—12; at close of 1945—11.
Total No. of Nuisances reported during 1945—203. Abated during 1945—202.
Total No. of Summonses or other legal proceedings—None.
Knackers' Yards—No. in district—1. No. on Register—1. Total No. of Inspections made—6. General Conditions—Satisfactory.
Have the Council delared any other processes to be offensive trade., e.g., Fish-frying, Maggot-breeding, etc.?—No.

SCHOOLS.

No. of Visits to Schools—10.

MILK SUPPLY.

What arrangement for Veterinary Inspection of dairy cows?—County administration.
Any instance of disease attributed to milk in 1945 ?—No.
No. of Cowkeepers in district—7. No. Registered 7.
No. of Milk Sellers—14. No. Registered—14.
Total No. of Cowsheds—7. No. of Inspections in 1945—40. General Condition—Satisfactory.
Approx. No. of Milch Cows in district—103.

OTHER FOODS.

No. of Slaughter Houses—1. No. Registered—1. Kind and condition—Ministry of Food, satisfactory.

HOUSING.

Is there any scarcity of houses, and where?—Yes, in both Parishes of St. Neots and Eynesbury.
Any overcrowding of persons in houses?—One or two instances. No. of cases dealt with—2 cases investigated. No action taken.
Any special activity in house building, and where?—None.
Are there any working-class dwellings erected by the S.A. ?—No.
Any Town Planning Scheme contemplated?—Yes, Hunts. Joint Planning Committee.
Who has been designated as the Inspecting Officer under Article II of the Housing Regulations, 1910?—Sanitary Inspector.
Action under Housing (Inspection of District) Act, 1936—Other ordinary house inspections—44.

FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS.

Any Smoke Nuisances, and where?—None serious.
No. of Smoke Observations taken—3.

MISCELLANEOUS.

What Mortuary accommodation—(a) for accidents—1, belonging to U.D.C.

No. of Burial Grounds—2.

Are there any Maggot-breeding establishments in district?—No.

SANITARY STAFF.

Name of Sanitary Inspector—Charles William Glover. Annual salary as Inspector—£175 Sanitary Inspector, £50 Meat Inspector (plus War Bonus). Other appointments held—Surveyor and Housing Manager. Salary for such other appointments—£175 and War Bonus.

Any Assistants?—One youth for clerical work.

Is Staff sufficient?—No.

MEAT INSPECTION REPORT.

Carcases Inspected and Condemned During the Year 1945 at the Ministry of Food Slaughterhouse, Eynesbury.

	Cattle (excluding Cows).	Cows.	Calves.	Sheep. and Lambs.	Pigs.
Total No. Slaughtered	1496	386	354	1432	1729
Ditto Inspected	1496	386	354	1432	1729
Diseases other than Tuberculosis—					
Whole Carcases Condemned	5	8	2	1	18
Parts or Organs of Carcases Condemned	437	146	2	133	230
Percentage of Carcases affected with Disease other than T.B.	29.55%	39.89%	1.13%	9.357%	14.344%
Carcases affected with Tuberculosis—					
Whole Carcases Condemned	8	23	-	-	1
Parts or Organs of Carcases Condemned	281	178	3	-	103
Percentage of Carcases affected with Tuberculosis	19.318%	52.07%	.847%	-	6 0381%

Summary of Meat and other Articles of Food which were found to be diseased and unwholesome and were destroyed.

		lbs.
Beef	...	39266
Veal	...	113
Mutton	...	368
Pork	...	3497
Fish	...	240
Poultry, Game, Rabbits	...	—
Fruit and Tinned Foods	...	428½
Manufactured Meat	...	171
	Total	44,083½ lbs.

DAIRIES, COWSHEDS AND MILKSHOPS ORDER.

SANITARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

No. of Dairymen, Cowkeepers and Purveyors of Milk (Milk Sellers) in district	...	14
No. Registered	...	14
No. of Inspections of Premises	...	46
No. of Inspections during Milking Time	...	19
No. of Premises requiring Whitewashing, Cleansing, &c.		4

No. in which requirements of Sanitary Authority were carried out	...	4
No. of Premises requiring Structural or Sanitary Improvements	...	2
No. in which requirements of Sanitary Authority were carried out	...	—
Have Regulations been adopted?	...	Yes
No. of Premises with Well Water Supply	...	3

CHAS. WM. GLOVER, Sanitary Inspector.

SANITARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

Total No. of Inspections made	...	625
Total No. of Notices served	...	38
Informal	...	38
Statutory	...	Nil
Total No. of Complaints received	...	203
Premises, Houses, etc.		
No. inspected	...	625
Nuisances abated	...	202
Pool, Ditch, Gutter, Watercourse		
No. inspected	...	8
Nuisances abated	...	8
Animals improperly kept		
No. inspected	...	3
Nuisances abated	...	3
Privy, Urinal, Cesspool, Ashpit		
No. inspected	...	16
Nuisances abated	...	16
Drain, drain-traps, etc., etc.		
No. inspected	...	42
Nuisances abated	...	42
House, or part thereof, overcrowded		
No. inspected	...	2
Nuisances abated	...	1
Smoke Nuisances		
No. of observations	...	3
Nuisances abated	...	1
Offensive accumulations		
No. Inspected	...	8
Nuisances abated	...	8
Other Sanitary conditions		
No. Inspected	...	121
Nuisances abated	...	117
Lodging Houses		
No. registered	...	Nil
No. of inspections	...	Nil
Slaughter-houses		
No. licensed or registered	...	1
No. of inspections		Visited almost daily
Offensive Trades (Sec. 107, P. Health Act, 1936)		
No. established	...	1
No. of inspections	...	6
Canal Boats		
No. registered	...	Nil
No. of inspections	...	Nil
No. with infectious diseases on board	...	Nil
Housing Act, 1936		
No. Houses condemned	...	Nil
No. closed	...	Nil
No. cleaned and limewashed	...	Nil
Food—No. of seizures of unwholesome	...	Nil

Infectious Disease		
Houses affected with	...	4
Houses inspected	...	4
No. of inspections	...	8
Houses disinfected	...	4
Schools disinfected	...	Nil
Disinfectant used		Formaldehyde
Lots of clothing disinfected	...	4
Lots of clothing destroyed	...	Nil
Privy Middens		
New provided	...	Nil
No. repaired	...	Nil
No. converted to pails	...	Nil
No. converted to W.C.s	...	Nil
Pail or earth closets		
New provided	...	Nil
No. converted to W.C.s	...	3
Water Closets		
New provided	...	Nil
No. supplied with water	...	Nil
Ashpits		
New provided	...	Nil
No. converted to ashbins	...	Nil
Ashbins		
New provided	...	7

FACTORY AND WORKSHOP ACT, 1937.

Factories		
Total No. on Register (including Bakehouses)	...	60
No. in which nuisances abated	...	7
Bakehouses		
No. on Register	...	12
No. in which nuisance abated	...	3
Home Work		
No. of outworkers	...	Nil
No. of houses	...	Nil
No. of infected houses	...	Nil
Legal Proceedings, i.e., Summonses, etc.	...	Nil
Convictions	...	Nil

CHAS. WM. GLOVER, Sanitary Inspector.

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS.

The Clerk to the U.D.C.	St. Neots 122.
The Clerk to the R.D.C.	St. Neots 34.
The M.O.H.	St. Neots 68.
Sanitary Inspector	St. Neots 122.
Ditto (Residence)	St. Neots 108.
Waterworks Engineer	St. Neots 122.
Police	St. Neots 19.
Isolation Hospital	Huntingdon 59.
County Hospital	Huntingdon 89.
County M.O.H.	Huntingdon 81.
Huntingdon C.C. Ambulance	Huntingdon 67.
St. Neots U.D.C. Ambulance	St. Neots 148.
Labour Exchange	St. Neots 175.

LIST OF REGISTERED COWKEEPERS.

Smith, J. R., Manor Farm, Cambridge Street.
Cambers, A. S., 79, Huntingdon Street.
Boswell, A. S., East Street (cows at Sandfields).
Harvey, E., Berkley Street, Eynesbury.
Hall, A., Berkley Street, Eynesbury.
Harvey, W., Luke Street, Eynesbury.
Flint, S., Waterloo Farm, Eynesbury.
Rowley, Priory Park.

LIST OF REGISTERED MILK SELLERS (RETAILERS).

(Shepherd), Wallace, Cambridge Street, St. Neots.
Bowers, S., Bedford Street, St. Neots.
Ayres, F., Shortsands, Cambridge Street, St. Neots.
Gale, C., East Street, St. Neots.
Odell, H., Model Farm, Grafham.
Smith, H., 39, Cambridge Gardens, St. Neots.
Sharp, F., Eynesbury, St. Neots.

LIST OF SLAUGHTER HOUSES.

Bartlett, J., 25, Huntingdon Street, St. Neots.
Bonham and Sons, High Street, St. Neots.
Abraham, G. B., High Street, St. Neots.
Eayrs, W., Priory Lane, St. Neots.
Hunt, D. A., 14, Huntingdon Street, St. Neots.
Neaverson, C. B., High Street, St. Neots.
Stocker, F., St. Mary's Street, Eynesbury.
Sharman and Sons, Berkley Street, Eynesbury (Ministry of Food Slaughterhouse).
Mortimer, W. R., High Street, St. Neots.
Smith, John Rayns, High Street.

The Ministry of Food Slaughter House is the only one which is being used.

OFFENSIVE TRADE.

Beeson Bros., 97, Huntingdon Street (knackers).

FISH FRYERS.

G. Edmonds, 23, St. Mary's Street, Eynesbury.
L. F. Fortescue, 46, High Street, St. Neots.
C. Wren, High Street, St. Neots.
T. W. Wren, Montague Square, Eynesbury.

LIST OF FACTORIES.

Atkinson, A. W., High Street, Sawmill.
Bennett, J., Bedford Street, Motor Repairs.
Hunts. Motor Company, Cambridge Street, Motor Engineers.
Huckle, C. H., New Street, Boot Repairs.
Hale, J., High Street, Laundry.
Ibbett, A., South Street, Engineer.
Ireland Bros., New Street, Motors.
James, Mrs. E., Electric Gen., The Pavilion.
Jordan and Addington, L.N.E.R. Station, Grist.
Jordan and Addington, Market Place, Seeds.
Jordan and Addington, The Priory, Grinding.
Jordan and Addington, St. Mary's Street, Mineral Waters.
Fields and Pateman, Huntingdon Street, Motors.
Lynn, H. W., High Street, Machine Repairs.
St. Neots Gas Company, Bedford Street, Gas Works.
St. Neots Co-operative Society, Huntingdon Street, Baker.
Paine and Co., Bedford Street, Flour Mill.
Paine and Co., Bedford Street, Malting.
Paine and Co., Bedford Street, Malt.
Paine and Co., Brook Street, Malt Extract.
Paine and Co., Brook Street, Bottling.
Paine and Co., Market Place, Flour.
Paine and Co., Market Place, Beer.
Priory Café, Market Place, Baker.
Tomson, P. C., Market Square, Printing Works.
Tebbutt, C. G., St. Mary's Street, Sawmill.
Wright and Woods, Market Place, Motors.

Williamson, T. L., The Priory, Coach Work.
St. Neots Paper Mill, Common Road, Clothing.
Speed, H. Stanley, Market Square, Dress.
Smith, John Rayns, High Street, Bakery, etc.
Bull, H. F. and Sons, New Street, Contractors.
Wrycroft, G. and Sons, Huntingdon Street, Contractors.

LIST OF WORKSHOPS.

Browning, R. W., Tin Plate, etc., Market Square.
Baker, B., Huntingdon Street, Baker.
Brown, C., Baker, Montague Street.
Chasty, Miss E., Dress, Brook Street.
Clayton, Saddlers, etc., Market Square.
Sharman, C., Tailor, St. Mary's Street, Eynesbury.
Evans and Sons, Builders, Cambridge Street.
Edwards H., Baker, Luke Street.
Forscutt, R. M., Dress, Brook Street.
Knight, F. J., Coal Yard, Priory Road.
Pratt, P. W., Baker, Cambridge Street.
Plum and Sons, Confectioners, High Street.
Kime and Co., Tailors, High Street.
Love, F. C., Baker, St. Mary's Street, Eynesbury.
Pashley, A., Motor Repairs, Cambridge Street.
Riseley, F. G. (Exors.), Draper, High Street.
Shepherd, Baker, South Street.
Townsend Bros., Builders, Cambridge Street.
T. W. Wren, Fish Fryer, Montague Street, Eynesbury.
F. W. Bellamy, Builder, Priory Road.
A. W. Childs, Painter, etc., Church Street.
Corbey, J. and H., New Street, Plumbers.
Eayrs, W., Cycles and Radio, Market Square.
Ashman, H., Cycles, etc., Cambridge Street.
P. J. Williamson, Cycles, South Street.
Webb, Shoe Repairs, Cambridge Street.
Electrical and Radio Supplies, Ltd., High Street.

LIST OF HAIRDRESSERS.

Abnett, Cambridge Street, St. Neots.
Murkett, Huntingdon Street, St. Neots.
Downes, High Street, St. Neots.
Hughes (Sawford), Market Square, St. Neots.
Flanders, Market Square, St. Neots.
Mrs. Cotterell, High Street, St. Neots.
Miss J. R. Ashcroft (Jane), 52, High Street.
New Inn Hotel Hairdressing Salon, High Street.

LIST OF ICE CREAM RETAILERS.

Priory Café, Market Square, St. Neots.
Miss Fairweather, High Street, St. Neots.
P. J. Williamson, South Street, St. Neots.
"Peacock" Public House, Cambridge Street.
Childs, St. Mary's Street, Eynesbury.
Darrington, Berkley Street, Eynesbury.

I would like to place on record my gratitude and appreciation of the kindly help and invariable courtesy of my colleagues: the late Mr. T. Spencer (Clerk), Mr. Walker (Assistant Clerk), Mr. Glover (Sanitary Inspector), Mr. Mawby (Waterworks Engineer), as well as the Chairman and individual members of the Council. During the twenty-three years which I have been M.O.H. it has always been a pleasure to serve this Council, and I regret that advanced age will compel me not to seek re-election at the end of my term of office, i.e., 31st March, 1947, even if I survive so long.

E. J. CROSS.